(ख) से (घ) प्रस्तावित संधि पर अभी बातचीत चल रही है। इसमें जो और विशिष्ट बातें शामिल की जानी हैं उन्हें इसे अन्तिम रूप देने के बाद ही परिभाषित किया जाएगा।

Refusal of visa to students pursuing studies in U.S.A.

1653. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that students who want to pursue future studies in a country like USA are refused visa without any reason; and

(b) whether Government propose to consider the applications first before these are decided by U.S. Embassy and recommend genuine cases?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI); (a) The Government are aware- that many Indian students obtain visas for pursuing higher studies in the USA and many are un able to obtain visas for the same pur pose.

(b) No, Sir.

Repatriation of Indian crew from Pakistan

1654. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation dated 8th February, 1992 from the President, Machhimar Boat Association, Porban-dar, regarding the repatriation of five fishing vessels and fortyone fishermen seized by the Pakistan authorities;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Pakistani Marine Security agency seized 5 fishing trawlers and 41 fishermen in December, 1991 from the coast line of the North-West coast of Kutch on the ground that their vessels and crew have encroached into their area;

(c) whether the Indian crew are still in Pakistani jail; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take for the immediate repatriation of Indian crew and their vessels from the Pakistani authorities, to avoid such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan. Steps have been initiated to secure the earliest possible release and repatriation of 41 Indian fishermen and the return of the 5 boats.

Help sought from permanent members of Security Council on Kashmir issue

1655. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government sought the help of permanent members of Security Council in the wake of JKLF threat to cross the line of actual control;

(b) whether it is in conformity with the policy of Government for not seeking the intervention of third country in Kashmir Affairs; and

(c) what action has been taken to ensure that the areas of Kashmir occupied by Pakistan is liberated?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Government's consistent position remain unchanged *i.e.* under the Simla Agreement all differences with Pakistan are to be resolved bilaterally and